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Martin to Host First “Mayor’s Hangout” to Discuss Winter Storms *Will announce launch of City ‘Pothole Week’*

STAMFORD, CT – Mayor David Martin will be launching a pilot of “Mayor’s Hangout” this Thursday, where he will be joined by City officials to discuss the City’s response and handling of the recent winter storms. During the “Mayor’s Hangout,” the Mayor will also make two announcements: the launch of ‘Pothole Week’, an initiative to encourage residents to seek out and report potholes to the City for repair, and his submission of a supplemental appropriation for immediate road repairs. At the conclusion of the broadcast, the Mayor will answer questions submitted by residents and/or the press.

The Google Hangout platform allows users to host online panel discussions and stream events live in HD on Google+ and YouTube. The Thursday broadcast will be streamed live on both YouTube and Google+, and will be archived on the Mayor’s YouTube channel for residents to access at any time in the future.

Based on an analysis conducted by the Mayor’s Office, the launch will mark the first time a Mayor has hosted a Google Hangout On Air in Connecticut.

“This is an exciting opportunity to better engage residents and share information about the City’s operations. The broadcast can be accessed from any computer, smartphone or tablet and will be available to watch afterwards,” Martin said. “It has the potential to become a key tool in making city government more open and accessible to the public.”

WHO: Mayor David Martin, Director of Operations Ernie Orgera, Traffic & Road Maintenance Supervisor Thomas Turk, and Director of Public Safety Ted Jankowski

WHAT: Mayor’s Hangout

WHEN: Thursday, March 13 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Tune in at either of the following links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNWwbkLp2Ko>

<https://plus.google.com/events/cmcov4af4o72t6fjp5vktmougos>

QUESTIONS:

Questions from the press and public may be submitted before or during the broadcast by commenting on the Google+ event page, on Facebook, or via email to MayorMartin@stamfordct.gov.

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